



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME BOORI PRYOR

This week and next week, we welcome our resident Children's Author in Residence, Laureate Boori Pryor. Boori's stories, which include relevant modern themes and messages for children, are well loved and recognized by most of our students. I know that they are looking forward to some time with Boori and his special brand of learning.

SCIENCE WEEK

Our resident Scientist, Mr Michael Browne, is preparing an exciting week of adventurous happenings in Science Week which commences on 16 August. All classes will be treated to some "whizzes, bangs and pops" with lots of Science theory and knowledge on the side. Watch this space for more information closer to the event.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Today, included with your newsletter, is a letter regarding the School Opinion Survey for 2014. This year, for the first time, all families have the opportunity to respond to the survey online. Please note that there are no paper (hard) copies of the School Opinion Survey this year.

We have enjoyed excellent results in our School Opinion Survey for the last 3 years or so and we always use the information provided to continue to improve our practice. I encourage everyone to take the 10 minutes or so to complete the survey before 03 August when the survey closes.

SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

The School Annual Report for 2013 is now up on our school website for your perusal. This report contains information about our targets and achievements from the last school year and includes online links to sites such as the My School website where you can gain up to date information on our school's performance against other schools in Queensland and Australia.

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

I would also like to remind parents of **CURRENT YEAR 6 STUDENTS** about the information sessions to be held at Kirwan State High School. Please note:

Tuesday 22 July – Year 6 into 7 Information Night

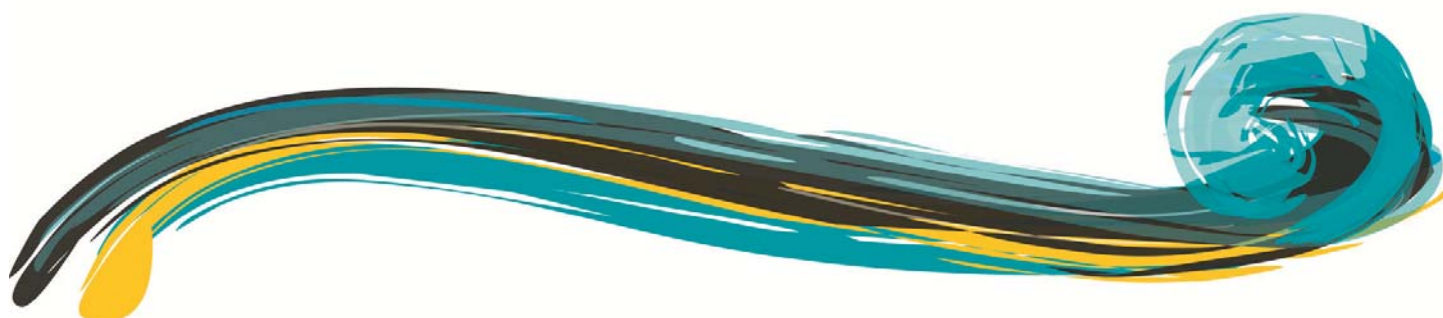
These will be held at 7:00pm in the Kirwan State High School Performing Arts Centre **TONIGHT**. We have been informed by the high school that, if you missed the session last night which was for current Year 7 students, then you are still welcome to attend tonight as much of the same information will be covered.

Yesterday, we were treated to a visit from Mr John Livingstone, Executive Principal of Kirwan State High School and Mr Murray James, Principal Junior Secondary at Kirwan State High School. They were able to provide a brief overview of the programs on offer at Kirwan High for Year 7s and 8s in 2015 and beyond, and answer questions from students who received an enrolment pack. Please note timelines for application to excellence programs particularly if you live outside the Kirwan High catchment area.

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson

Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

STUDENTS, HAVE YOUR SAY!

All Queensland students from Prep to Year 12 are invited to have their say on the future of education in Queensland. The Queensland Government wants to hear your suggestions on how we can ensure all students are given the best education and outcomes.

Department of Education, Training and Employment



Students are invited to submit video feedback on the seven Queensland Education Accord student questions. This feedback will contribute to the development of the Queensland Education Accord, a 30-year vision for education in Queensland. Chosen entries will be shown at the Queensland Education Accord Summit on 25 September 2014 and will go into the draw to win one of four \$50 iTunes vouchers.

Entries close Friday 8 August 2014.

To assist with the preparation of your video please refer to:

- [Student engagement fact sheet](#) 754K ([accessible version](#) 2.8M)
- [Project consent form](#) 354K ([accessible version](#) 933K)

How to enter

1. Film a short piece to camera (45 - 60 seconds) providing your thoughts on one of the seven Queensland Education Accord student questions (one video per question).
2. Create an account on the [student video submission](#) website.
3. Enter student and parent/guardian contact information.
4. Upload your video (maximum 50MB and recorded in MP3, MP4, M4V, AVI or WMV format). Only one video can be uploaded per question.
5. Upload a copy of the [Project consent form](#) 354K signed by a parent or guardian. For your entry to be valid we will need a signed project consent form.

[Submit video](#) and have your say on the future of education in Queensland.

More information about the Queensland Education Accord is available or to access the links above please visit <http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/educationaccord/>.

Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal

Kirwan's Achievers

Congratulations to the following students who were the proud winners of the Student of the Week award for their class recently!



PrepA	Ylee Matara	3C	Jai Cope
PrepB	Phoenix Rogers	3C	Layla Perfect
PrepC	Isla Mawby	3D	Keely Blackford
PrepD	Chelsea Meehan	3E	Phoebe Hughes
PrepE	Caleb Paige	3E	Irene Mulilo
PrepF/1F	Laura Oliver	4A	Isabelle Johnson-Briggs
PrepF/1F	Taehya Chong	4A	Zachary Maltby
1A	Olivia McGregor	4B	Haloma Williams
1B	Brodie Ernst	4C	Georgia Eustace
1C	Georgia Wotherspoon	4D	Maxwell Cohen
1D	Jirair Splawinski	5B	Zane Prince
1E	Montel Geia	5B	Nathan Rushton-Simpson
2A	Lara Szymanski	5C	Sulé Tschirpig
2B	Zach Omar	5C	Madison Lourie
2C	Madalyn Beauchamp	5D	Landon Foskett-Parsons
2D	Hyun Seo Yoon	6A	Darnell Geia
2E	Jessica Harrison	6B	Tori Tasker
3A	Imogen Evans	6C	Zakia Jennings
3A	Dakota Aleo	6C	Mason Winter
3A	Jayella Cohen	6D	Joshua Wyllie
3B	Jake Nona	6E/7C	Hayley Fraser

NQ Selection

Emily Ohl, Kia Mills, Demica Targett, Holly Doran, Kaitlyn Tkacz and Courtney Reynolds competed in North Queensland Trials for Softball yesterday and Sunday. Congratulations to Kaitlyn Tkacz and Courtney Reynolds who have been selected in the North Queensland Softball Team.

From the Deputy Principal – Trish McEvey

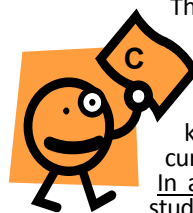
UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD

Semester 1 report cards have now been issued and sent home with students.

Like most Queensland State Schools, Kirwan State School teachers teach units of work devised by our department to enact and teach the Australian Curriculum in the areas of English, Maths, Science, History and Geography. Assessment tasks within these units allow teachers to make judgements about how well students are currently achieving against the Australian Standard.

Due to the implementation of this new curriculum and standard, you may see differences in your child's achievement grades.

In previous years, schools and teachers would design their own units based on the current curriculum and their knowledge of what counts as an A, B, C etc. However, at this point in time we have an agreed Australian Curriculum and Achievement Standard. In a nutshell, this means that teachers are expected to make judgements about student achievement using pre-determined criteria set against a national standard.



The achievement standards are written at a 'C' standard and are **typical** of what a successful student knows and can do **by the end of that year level**. So a 'C' means that the student has consistently demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the curriculum taught to date at year level standard. In a nutshell, a 'C' is exactly where the typical student needs to be.

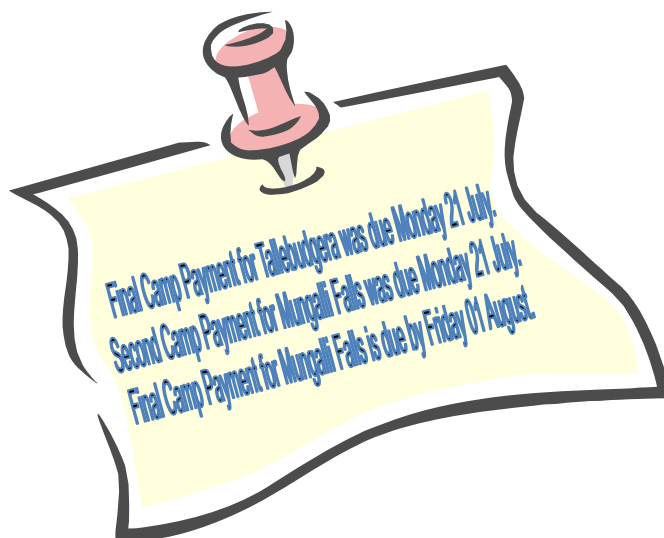
With this in mind, it may simply be a lot harder to get an 'A' or a 'B'. To achieve an overall 'A' or 'B' students need to consistently demonstrate knowledge, skill and understanding at a higher standard than a typical student. If your child has received a 'D', he or she may still be capable of achieving a 'C' by the end of the year. Furthermore, this means that it may not be reliable to compare students' previous year level grades with the current grades.

For more information on the Australian Curriculum and Standards, visit <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>.

Trish McEvey – Acting Deputy Principal

Term & Vacation Times For 2014 and 2015

2014	Term Dates	Vacation Dates
Term 1	28 Jan – 04 Apr	05 Apr – 21 Apr
Term 2	22 Apr – 27 June	28 June – 13 July
Term 3	14 July – 19 Sept	20 Sept – 06 Oct
Term 4	07 Oct – 12 Dec	13 Dec – 26 Jan 2015
2015	Term Dates	Vacation Dates
Term 1	27 Jan – 02 Apr	03 Apr – 19 Apr
Term 2	20 Apr – 26 June	27 June – 12 July
Term 3	13 July – 18 Sept	19 Sept – 05 Oct
Term 4	06 Oct – 11 Dec	12 Dec – 24 Jan 2016



Final Camp Payment for Tallabubgera was due Monday 21 July.
Second Camp Payment for Mungall Falls was due Monday 21 July.
Final Camp Payment for Mungall Falls is due by Friday 01 August.

Red Track Training Sessions

Students are expected to attend as many training sessions as possible for the events they have been selected for. Please see Mrs Talbot if students cannot attend training sessions. Junior Sprint Training is for our 7-9 year olds and Senior Sprint Training is for our 10-13 year olds.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 starting 14 July		8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Burns	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor 1st Break Shot Put Training Mr Hunt	8am Senior Circular Relay 10-13 year olds Team Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break High Jump Training Mrs Talbot	8am 800m training Ms Hallam 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield
Week 2 starting 21 July	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor	8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Burns	8am Senior Sprint Training 10-13 year olds Mrs O'Connor 1st Break Shot Put Training Mr Hunt	8am Senior Circular Relay 10-13 year olds Team Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break High Jump Training Mrs Talbot	8am 800m Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield
Week 3 starting 28 July	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor	8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Burns	8am Senior Sprint Training 10-13 year olds Mrs O'Connor 1st Break Shot Put Training Mr Hunt	8am Senior Circular Relay 10-13 year olds Team Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break High Jump Training Mrs Talbot	8am 800m Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield
Week 4 starting 04 Aug	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor	8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Burns	8am Senior Sprint Training 10-13 year olds Mrs O'Connor 1st Break Shot Put Training Mr Hunt	8am Senior Circular Relay 10-13 year olds Team Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break High Jump Training Mrs Talbot	8am 800m Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield
Week 5 starting 11 Aug	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor	8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Burns	8am Senior Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor 1st Break Shot Put Training Mr Hunt	8am Senior Circular Relay 10-13 year olds Team Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield	RED TRACK

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Kirwan Keepers



29 July.....Defence Parents Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
29 July..... Fete Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
31 July..... Welcoming our Japanese friends from Kokagakuin School
11 AugustYear 6 & 7 Camp Week
15 August Red Track Athletics Day
19 August P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
1-19 SeptemberPrep Interviews with Admin
6 September..... Whole School Concert
18 September NAIDOC Celebrations Day
19 September Last day of Term 3
27 October First day of Term 4
24 October School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm
30 OctoberPrep Information Sessions – 9:30am & 6:30pm
31 October Prep Come and Try Day
8 December..... Prep Come and Try Day
8 December..... Whole School Transition Day

Music News

BOYS' POP GROUP

Mrs Ransom and Mr Curro are looking for more boys interested in joining a boys pop group! Come along on Tuesday mornings at 8:00am in the Music Room if you are interested.



Thomas Curro – Music Teacher

P&C Pieces

- **Jumpers** have finally arrived and look fantastic. Thank you to Mel Cosser for all her hard work in organising and ordering these.
- The **next P&C general meeting** is Tuesday 19 August at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Fete - 24 October 2014

- There are only **13 weeks** until the fete. Please consider if you are able to help on your child's class stall and let your child's teacher know.
- Our **next fete meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 29 July at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

Fete Sponsor Of The Week

A huge thank you to **Harold's Seafood Cannon Park** for their kind donation. Please support those who support us.



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Important Dates - Prep Enrolments 2015

21 July-----2015 Prep Bookings Open
1-19 September ----- Prep Interviews with Admin
30 October----- Prep Information Sessions – 9:30am & 6:30pm
31 October----- Prep Come and Try Day – 9:15-10:50am
8 December ----Whole School Transition (Preppies 9:15-10:50am)

Tuckshop Talk

Jul 23 Carol, Michelle (½ day)
Jul 24 Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
Jul 25 Jo
Jul 28 Murdock Madness
Jul 29 Jenni, Fiona

- There are no Slushies or Playwaters until further notice.
- Tuckshop does not accept foreign currency – Orders may be substituted.
- A BIG THANK YOU AND FAREWELL to Helen Murdoch. You are a fantastic volunteer who has made us constantly laugh for the last 2 years. THANK YOU. You will be missed. 😊 😊

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

- **Chocolate money is now overdue.** If you have money or unsold chocolates please return as soon as possible to the school.
- **End of year dinner dance** is 10 December 2014. The Dinner Dance will be held at The Mecure Inn, Woolcock Street.

Defence News

Hi everyone... Just a reminder to all of our families that if you have any school or defence queries please come in and see us at the defence room. Our next Parent Chat Group will be on 29 July at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm